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Entry of this Amendment if respectfully requested. Claims 1, 2, 4, 18-34, 37 and 42-52 are in the application and have been indicated to be allowable in a Notice of Allowability mailed January 14, 2000.

Through this Amendment, applicants seek to add new claims 53-68, which are identical to original claims 3, 5-17, 35 and 36. These claims were withdrawn from consideration in an Office Action dated April 27, 1999, and later cancelled from the application in an Amendment dated September 27, 1999. Since all of the claims depend from independent claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the entry of these claims do not raise new matters which require additional searching.

Authorization to change Deposit Account No. 19-4709 is granted in the attached transmittal letter to cover fees for additional claims.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. If there any questions or if additional information is required, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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